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Review and Revision of JAS and Quality Labeling Standards

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Report Highlights:

In March 2004, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries announced that Quality Labeling Standards certain products under the Japanese Agricultural Standard law would be review and possibly revised. This announcement and the product items to be reviewed can be viewed below, or at <http://www.maff.go.jp/mud/539.html>.

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Every five years the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) reviews the Japanese Agricultural Standards' (JAS). Based on the review, MAFF may revise the reviewed standards. MAFF has announced the review of certain product covered under the JAS' Quality Labeling Standards. The announcement of this review follows.

Begin Article:

Notice of Drafting Activities for Review and Revision of Japanese Agricultural Standards and Quality Labeling Standards

MAFF has announced drafting activities for:

1. The review (i.e., confirmation, revision or abolition) of
 - a. JAS for:
 - Boiled and dried small fishes and powdered boiled and dried small fishes
 - Pickled agricultural products
 - Fruit juices and fruit beverages
 - Carbonated drinks
 - Canned prepared foods and bottled prepared foods
 - Canned tuna with vegetables and canned skipjack with vegetables
 - Canned *tokudane* foods
 - Canned whale meat with vegetables
 - Canned marine products cooked with vegetables and canned prepared marine products
 - Organic agricultural product
 - Organic agricultural product processed foods
 - Naturally grown chicken
 - b. Quality Labeling Standard for:
 - Boiled and dried small fishes and powdered boiled and dried small fishes
 - Pickled agricultural products
 - Fruit juices and fruit beverages
 - Carbonated drinks
 - Canned prepared foods and bottled prepared foods
2. The revision of JAS for canned agricultural products and bottled agricultural products
3. The revision of the Quality Labeling Standard for canned agricultural products and bottled agricultural products

People are invited to ask questions or submit comments on the above activities by April 5, 2004. Inquiries should be addressed to the Labeling and Standards Division of the Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau by post to the MAFF address above or by telephone at (03) 3501-3727.

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